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TO FOURTH AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE

1. IN OPENING PRESENTATION AT MEETING OF AD HOC INTER-
GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON COMMODITIES (IGC), UNCTAD SYG
COREA MADE FOLLOWING POINTS. ALL PARTIES REGRET THAT
NOVEMBER NEGOTIATING SESSION WAS INCONCLUSIVE BUT IT IS
SIGNIFICANT THAT NEGOTIATIONS WERE SUSPENDED RATHER THAN
TERMINATED. THE CURRENT NEED IS TO DETERMINE HOW TO
RECONVENE THE NEGOTIATIONS ON A BASIS THAT WILL ASSURE
PROGRESS AT THE NEXT SESSION. COREA NOTED HE HAD AD-
DRESSED UNGA SECOND COMMITTEE LAST WEEK AND THAT SECOND
COMMITTEE IS CURRENTLY IN PROCESS OF DECIDING WHAT ACTION
SHOULD BE TAKEN. RESULTS SHOULD BE KNOWN IN FEW DAYS
AND WILL HAVE IMPORTANT INFLUENCE ON DECISIONS CURRENT
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IGC MEETING MIGHT TAKE. THERE IS GENERAL FEELING THAT
IF SATISFACTORY BASIS CAN BE ESTABLISHED, THEN NEGOT-
IATIONS SHOULD BE QUICKLY RECONVENED TO AVOID
LOSING MOMENTUM. UNDER PROPER CONDITIONS RESUMED
NEGOTIATIONS COULD BE HELD NEXT SPRING, PERHAPS APRIL.
HOWEVER, IT WOULD BE A SERIOUS MISTAKE TO RECONVENE
WITHOUT A PRIOR BREAKTHROUGH ON KEY ISSUES - OTHER

MEASURES, DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS AND PERHAPS OTHERS.

2. CONCERNING NEGOTIATIONS ON INDIVIDUAL PRODUCTS, COREA ARGUED THERE IS STILL A WIDE GAP BETWEEN GENERAL POLICY PRONOUNCEMENTS CONCERNING COMMODITY POLICY AND PROGRESS ON INDIVIDUAL AGREEMENTS. HE RECOGNIZED THERE HAD BEEN SOME PROGRESS ON INDIVIDUAL COMMODITIES -- SUGAR AGREEMENT CONCLUDED, RUBBER HAS MOVED FORWARD AND THERE IS ACTIVE CONSIDERATION OF A NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE, JUTE MEETINGS HAVE BEEN FOCUSING ON ACTUAL MEASURES AND THE FAO GROUP ON TEA HAS RECOMMENDED PREPARATORY MEETINGS IN UNCTAD. HOWEVER, THE OVERALL RECORD IS INADEQUATE AND WORK ON A NUMBER OF MAJOR PRODUCTS IS STILL IN A PRELIMINARY STAGE, FAR FROM CONCRETE ACTION TO STRENGTHEN AND STABILIZE MARKETS. TEMPO OF PROGRESS NEEDS TO BE STEPPED-UP AND MEETINGS NEED TO GET BEYOND THE NECESSARY PRELIMINARY STAGE OF STUDY AND ANALYSIS.

3. CONCERNING THE FEBRUARY 1978 DEADLINE FOR THE COMPLETION OF PREPARATORY MEETINGS ON INDIVIDUAL COMMODITIES, COREA SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS DISTINCTION BETWEEN PREPARATORY MEETINGS AND NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE DROPPED. (THE NAIROBI TIMETABLE CALLED FOR COMPLETION OF PREPARATORY MEETING BY FEBRUARY, 1978, AND OF NEGOTIATIONS BY END OF 1978). NOTE: WE UNDERSTAND SECRETARIAT FAVORS MOVING DEADLINE FOR COMPLETION OF THE PREPARATORY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEETINGS BACK TO END OF 1978 AND CONSIDERS THAT IGC HAS AUTHORITY TO DO THIS. END NOTE. COREA NOTED THAT THE NAIROBI DEADLINE FOR THE PREPARATORY MEETINGS HAD BEEN TIGHT AND IT NOW CLEAR THAT IT CANNOT BE MET. HE SUGGESTED ONE REASON FOR DELAY IN WORK ON INDIVIDUAL COMMODITIES WAS INADEQUATE PROGRESS IN COMMON FUND NEGOTIATIONS.

4. COMMENT: COREA'S REFERENCE TO POSSIBLE IGC DECISIONS ON MOVING CF NEGOTIATIONS FORWARD IS RELATED TO ADDENDUM TO PROGRESS REPORT PREPARED BY SYG FOR CURRENT MEETING (TD/B/IPC/AC/13), IN WHICH SECRETARIAT SUGGESTS THAT IGC SHOULD "GIVE CONSIDERATION TO MODALITIES AND PROCEDURES FOR PROMOTING INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONSULTATIONS ON A COMMON FUND, WITH A VIEW TO THE RESUMPTION OF THE CONFERENCE AT THE EARLIEST APPROPRIATE DATE." SECRETARIAT WOULD OBVIOUSLY LIKE TO SEE ACTION IN NEW YORK WHICH COULD BE CONSIDERED TO PROVIDE NECESSARY PRECONDITIONS FOR PROCEDURAL DECISION HERE ON EARLY INTER-SESSIONAL CONSULTATIONS. VANDEN HEUVEL

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